into several parts. That question has to be decided once for all and it is now under the consideration of the local Municipality. It is only after they have decided the question, we can take any action.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question was, whether this canal which runs by the side of the T. D. School, is not a continuation of the canal which runs from the Calvetty Bridge. It continues from that end up to Chellanam running by the side of the roadway and has been in existence from time immemorial.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I do not know how long it has been in existence. I think that was a navigable canal.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has the Chief Engineer investigated whether by deepening this canal it cannot be made a drainage as well as a navigable canal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The question is whether we should have one such thing in a town like Mattancheri.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Why not you keep it clean?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is why we are preparing a scheme for the complete drainage.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is this Rs. 16,000 estimated for?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is for cementing the canal, making it into a good drain.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It won't be navigable as it was before, since this will be converted into a small drain. Even now a portion of it is navigable.

Mr. President: You are now going to convert the canal into a small drain?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE—MATTANCHERI—INTRODUCTION OF

88. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have any idea of introducing underground drainage system in the Mattancheri town;

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(*b*) if so, when the scheme is expected to materialise?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is not possible now to state definitely when the scheme is expected to materialise.

CANALS IN MATTANCHERI—IMPROVEMENTS TO

89. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government intend to improve the undermentioned canals in Mattancheri by opening them out so as to prevent stagnation of water with a view to improve the sanitation of the Town, *viz.*—

(*i*) the canal on two sides of the T. D. High School threatening to endanger the health of so many children;

(*ii*) the canal to the north of the Maharaja's Hospital which is detrimental to the health of the patients;

(*iii*) others similarly stagnant and breeding mosquitoes?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Government have no such proposal at present. The conditions of the canals will be improved when the drainage scheme is effected. The Mattancheri Municipality is taking all possible measures to improve the sanitation of the town.

MUSEUM IN TRICHUR—CLOSING OF ON POORAM DAY

90. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Museum in Trichur was open on the last *Pooram* day;

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, the reason for keeping it closed?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) Yes. The Museum was kept open from 8 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.

(*b*) The Museum was closed in the afternoon, following the practice in previous years. The Museum staff starts work before 6 a.m. on the *Pooram* day to complete cleaning of the animal houses, etc., before 8 a.m.

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